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AVIATOR KILLED IN IOWA FLIGHT FOR NEW RECORD

W. C. Robinson, Noted Flyer and Inventor, Meets Death at Ewart, Near Grinnell, and Machine Wrecked

DETAILS OF DISASTER FEW

Birdman Reported to Have Been Victim of Explosion of the Engine.

TRIES OUT STABILIZING DEVICE

GRINNELL, Ia., March 11 .- W. C. Robinson, one of the most prominent aviators and inventors of aviation appliances in the United States, fell and was killed near Ewart, Ia., shortly before 5 o'clock today. Ewart is ten miles from here and details of the accident are not yet available.

Robinson left Grinnell shortly that he intended to try for an altitude record and wanted to test a new stabilizing device he had been working on at his factory here. He took with him instruments with which to register the height reached.

Reports reaching here from Ewart said the machine was demolished and indications were that Robinson died as the result of an engine explosion rather than from the effects

Reports that he had fallen into a crowd of spectators were denied.

Train Employes Nearly Unanimous

CHICAGO, March 11.-It was unofficially reported today that 98 per cent of the locomotive engineers, firemen and conductors and trainmen employed on all the railroads of the country had voted in favor of demanding an eight-hour day, with time and one-half for overtime. The tabulation of the referendum vote of the men was completed here today and the way train service employes, who have full information. been in segsion here for nearly a week

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood be becometive Engineers, said no detailed figures on the result of the vote would be given out.

EX-GOVERNOR BUCHTEL TALKS AT ALLIANCE DINNER

ALLIANCE, Neb., March 11.-(Special.) -The anual election of a board of directors of the Alliance Commercial club was held in the opera house last night, followed by a banquet for which 160 plates were laid, Ex-Governor H. A. Buchtel of Colorado was the principal speaker of the evening and he dwelt at some length on the opportunities which the west and particularly western Nebraska and Colorado offered the farmer. He compared the record-breaking crops of the last year in this territory and in the east where land commands fabulous prices. Secretary Fisher of the Commercial ub in his annual report showed the rogress made by the club during the

short outline of the work proposed for the incident. coming year. The following directors were elected, who at their meeting next week will elect a president, scrtary and trasurer: J. W. Guthrie, C. A. Newberry, E. D. Mallery, S. A. Thompson, B. J. Sallows, Percy Cogswell, J. G. Dole, F W. Harris and Eight Hundred

last year, the many ways in which Alli-

L. H. Highland. ATTORNEY C. A. POLK OF LINCOLN IS DEAD

(From a staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 11.-(Special.)-C. A. Polk, a prominent attorney of Lincoln and for many years a resident of Plattsthis morning at his home in this city of kidney trouble.

The funeral will be held Monday and the burial will be in Wyuka cemetery, near this city.

SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS BODY ENDORSES INVASION

WASHINGTON, March 11.-The senate foreign relations committee today unoniously endorsed the action of the president in sending American troops to Mexico to capture Villa and his marauders.

The Weather



Comparative Local Record. Official record of temperature and pre-cipitation compared with the last three

Normal precipitation.... Deficiency for the day.

lish or Branish. fice here, it was stated.

SEVEN AMERICANS ON TORPEDOED SHIP LIT TO SEND HIS

Norwegian Bark Silius, of Barley from New Havre, is Sunk

ONE AMERICAN IS INJURED

PARIS, March 11 .- Seven of the crew of the Norwegian bark Silius, terday, were Americans. The Silius

The Petit Parisien says that one of the Americans on the Silius was injured seriously in his legs and was taken to the Pasteur hospital. He is John Hartmann, 18 years old. The Silius was a 1,360-ton three-master

formerly the British bark Helly. It is reported that Captain Syvertsen of the Silius was drowned and two sallors are missing. The rest of the crew was saved.

Only Four Americans, Says Agent. NEW YORK, March 11.-There were only four Americans aboard the Sillus, according to agents of the line here, and they were members of the crew. It carried no passengers.

The Americans were: David Sherman of Bedford, Mass.; John Warbman of after noon. He had told friends here | Philadelphia, Daniel Noran of Connecticut and Henry Monahan of Boston. The bark, which was commanded by Captain A. B. Syvertsen, sailed from New York February 4 for Havre with a fcared. Practically such a reciprocargo of 2,200 tons of barley shipped from cal arrangement probably would San Francisco.

The local agents said the Silius' crew numbered seventeen men.

State Department Notified. WASHINGTON, March 11.-Consul Os-orne at Havre, reported today that when the Norwegian bark Silius from New York to Havre was torpedoed without warning in Havre roads on the night of March 9. even Americans aboard were rescued. The loss of the Silius was first reported last night from London. Three members of the crew were reported lost.

State department officials seemed in clined to view the attack on the Silius as n serious affair.

So far dispatches to the State departnent simply have said the vessel was for New Wage Scale torpedoed without warning. No mention was made of the nationality of the submarine, and there was nothing to inflicate whether a torpedo actually was responsible for the sinking of the wessel or whether it might have struck a mine. If the Silius was torpedoed, such an attack was contrary to the assurances the United States has secured from the cen-

Secretary Lansing said no action would chiefs of the four brotherhoods of rall- be taken until the State department had

Portuguese Cabinet Is Succeeded by Defense Ministry

place to a national defense government which is now being formed. In Parliament yesterday Dr. Augusto Squres, foreign miniater of the retring cabinet, read the notes exchanged between Germany and Portugal and also a note from Great Britain requesting the Portugese government, in these mitions, to selfo German ships in Portugese ports.

Tranquillity prevails throughout the nuntry After a lengthy interview with the Portuguese secretary for foreign affairs, Herr Rosen, the German minister to live stock across the border line, they Portugal, left here yesterday on a special train for Madrid, accompanied by the Mexicans crossed the border, it was said. other members of the German legation. ance has benefited by the club and a Their departure was not marked by any

> Parliament has been summoned to meet news of a military character.

Thousand French Soldiers Killed

BERLIN, March 11,-(By Wireless Sayville.)-According to confidential state- cross the line themselves. ments made by the French minister of war, General Gallieni, at the military mouth, and well known in Omaha, died | conference, says a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Overseas News agency, the French casualties up to March 1, 1916 amounted to \$90,000 dead and 1,400,000 wounded. Among the latter, the dispatch adds, 400,000 were severely wounded. In addition 200,000 men were missing.

The total losses of the French, General Gailleni's statement shows, continues the Overseas News agency, has reached 2,500,-000, while the British up to the present

Great Ice Gorge Reaches Yankton

YANKTON, S. D., March 11 .- (Special Telegram.)-The great ice gorge has reached Yankton and is being constantly added to by a heavy flow of ice from up the river. Water remains high, with only a drop of one inch in twentyfour hours. The river is rising at Fullerville and east of there. The situation is well in hand still and all families accounted for, notwithstanding some sentaken refuge in Yankton make daily trips to their farms by boat and report only a inuch greater rise will endanger their

MEXICO GOVERNMENT PUTS CENSORSHIP ON TELEGRAMS

NEW YORK, March II.-The Mexican Temperature and precipitation departure and precipitation departure.

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CARRANZA WANTS MEN ACROSS LINE

First Chief Suggests a Joint Working Agreement for the Chase and Capture of the Villa Bandits.

which was torpedoed and sunk yes- PROBABLY WILL BE GRANTED

left New York February 4 for Havre. Largely Matter of Form, as There is No Prospect He Could Send a Single Man.

IT MIGHT PREVENT FRICTION

WASHINGTON, March While American troops are preparing to move across the Mexican border to exterminate the Villa bandits, General Carranza, In an official communication delivered through Consul Silliman, has asked the United States for permission to send his troops into American territory if necessary in pursu't of outlaws,

Administration officials regard General Carranza's proposal as favorable. It seems to indicate that he will not protest against American troops on Mexican soil, as has been never result in a single Carranza soldier crossing the line, as the possibility of bandits taking refuge in American territory is considered re-

It is realized that such an arrangement, however, would go far to satisfy General Carranza and permit him to comply with popular sentiment in Mexico. There was no indication early today how the proposal would be received.

Silliman Transmits Note. Consul Silliman transmitted the following communication, dated at Guadalajara, March 10, which was handed to him by Jesus Acuna, Carrunza's minister for foreign affairs. Germans Make Some Progress Along It is a reply to the American government's representations for perm'ssion to pursue the Villa bandits with armed forces:

"In due reply to your courtebus note "In due reply to your courtedus note dated yesterday and transmitted today through Mr. John w. Belt telliman's secretary), I have the honor to inform you that having brought the above note to the attention of the first chief of the constitutionalist army and depository of the executive power of Mexico, he has directed me to any to you, to the end that you may, in turn, transmit it to the (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

LASBON, March 11.-(Via Paris.)-The Portuguese cabinet has resigned to give Carranza Men Rope Animals and Pull Them Across Line

DOUGLAS, Aris., March 11 - Military authorities here who investigated the raid on American ranches south of Daborn Junction, Aris., tonight, stated that ommand of Carransa soldiers, who had been drinking, roped cattle and horses belonging to American ranchers."

When they were unable to drag the shot the animals, the report stated. No The military version of the raid near

Osborn Junction follows: "A command of Carranza soldiers, who had been drinking heavily, were enin special session tomorrow. The news- camped for the night near Osborn, while papers have been forbidden to print any marching from Naco, Sonora, to Agua Prieta, Sonora. They amused themselves by roping cattle and horses belonging to the American ranchers, whose property extended both sides of the international

boundary. "Several horses and cattle ranging in Arizona were roped and dragged across the border. Other live stock which was hoped and which the soldiers were unable to get across the border, was shot on Arizona soil. The dexicans did not

"Three ranchers, named Schlout, Bohmfaulk and Collins, were said to have been fired up and had narrow escapes, but none were injured.

Thirteen American Ships on Blacklist Of Great Britain

LONDON, March 11.-The latest blacklist of neutral shipping prescribed to British charterers by the trade division either represent Teutonic capital or have indulged in unneutral activities, contains the names of 125 ships and includes thirteen vessels flying the American flag. The bulk of the American vessels o the blacklist still is represented by boats owned by the American Transatlantic company, of which Richard G. Wagner of Milwaukee, Wis., is president, the ships of that company barred numbering eleven. The only Americans additional to the list are the schooner Edgar W Murdock, owned by Carleton, Norwood & sational reports. Many families that have | Co. of Rockport, Me., and the steamship Maverick, owned by J. F. Craig of Sun

Villa Collects 10,000 Pesos from Germans

escorta,

SEEDS

Marshaling the Forces of Preparedness

BATTLE FOR FORT VAUX CONTINUES

the Slopes Leading to This Position.

TRENCHES NEAR RHEIMS LOST

PARIS, March 11 .- There is still violent fighting for the possession of the fort at Vaux, according to announcement of the French war office this afternoon.

The Germans have made progress along the slopes leading to this position, but they have not yet reached the barbed wire entanglements in cruiser Laurentie about ten miles from at El Paso. front of the fort.

in the eastern part of the village of steele and a detail of five of the Laur-Vaux, while the French are still in possession of the western part of the

French Position Captured. BERLIN, March 11 .- (Via London.)-Capture of French positions 1,400 yards wide and about two-thirds of a mile deep, south of Ville-Aux-Bois, near Rheims, was announced today by the war office.

Major Tompkins Is Given Credit for Bandits' Repulse

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 11.-Tele grams from army officials and promine civilians throughout the country poured in today upon Colonel Horace J. Slocum, commanding the Thirteenth cavalry commending highly his exploit when with 300 men he drove Villa's raiders out of Columbus Thursday. Some of the telegrams referred to the battle as an incident that cut the "gordian knot" of the

Most of them expressed the hope that he would be made a brigadier genera and be given command of the force to be sert into Mexico to get Villa dead of

Colonel Slocum, however, was disposed to give all the credit to the officers and men of the Thirteenth. Major Frank Tompkins, who with four skeleten troops, chased Villa several miles into Mexico, is about to be transferred to Fort Riley and has asked to be allowed to go with the expedition in pursuit of Villa. In a highly commendatory telegram, Colonel Slocum urged the War department to grant the request He told how Tompkins' force broke up of the admiralty on the charge that they every formation Villa made to check the pursuit and particularly how Tompkins, with thirty-five men under Captain Rudolph Simper, out in advance, terrified

> the American advance. "If we had had another troop or two," Colonel Slocum said, "we would be in Mexico yet. The regiment behaved beau-

> and drove in a Mexican rear guard of

out an overwhelming force and checked

China Passengers Tell of Seizure of Germans by Britons

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 11,-The American ateamer China, from which thirty-eight mon were taken by a British boarding party February 18 off the Japanese coast, arrived here today. C. I. Brown, special deputy collector of

the port, acting for Collector J. O. Davis, summoned Captain F. E. Frazer to his office to make a report. Captain Frazer declined to make pubthe details of the boarding of the

of the conversation. The China was stopped with a shot the mouth of the Yangtse-Klang and

entic's erew, according to Mrs. Knapp. whose story was corroborated by otner The passengers were lined up on the man was asked if he were a German, according to Mrs. Knapp, who said the Germans, Austrians and Turks were then segregated. Two of the Germans taken off, W. F. Schuetter, a merchant of Tau, and Richard Webber, | left their

wives aboard the China, Mrs. Webber with three children. The women were crying and sobbing. said Mrs. Knapp, "and one of the British officers touched at the plight of Mrs. Webber, said to Webber, 'Get out of here

get below. Webber, said Mrs. Knapp, was headtrong and protested the right of the British to take off any Germans. So finally he was removed to the Laurentic

with the thirty-seven others. Look Tin Eli, president of the China Mail Steamship company, owners of the arrived, but beyond a comment that "the episodo was a serious one," he had nothing to say. Attaches of the German consulate were also at the dock to care for dren aboard the vessel

Eighteen Mexicans Raid Section House East of Columbus

COLUMBUS, N. M., March H .- Eighteen nounted Mexicans are reported having raided the home of H. A. Blankenship. the section foreman at Malpa, N. M. eighteen miles east of Columbus. The family, including two small children, escaped through the rear door and crawled to cover in the darkness, where hey lay in the brush most of the cold night. Train No. 8, arriving about daylight, was flagged and the family taken more than 300 men before Villa ordered

The squad is said have passed south into Mexico. Mrs. J. J. Moore, wounded in the raid

on Columbus Thursday, was reported as being in a more critical condition today

Captured Villa Bandits Will Be Tried on the Charge of Murder

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 11 .- Seven , Stone added it was probable that sim wounded Villa soldiers captured by Col- Her charges of murder would be filed hospital. onel H. J. Slocum's troopers of the Thir-of New Mexico in connection with the by the band and regiment. As the train TORREON, Mexico, March 11.-Ten teenth United States cavalry in Thurs- killing of nine civilians by the bandit revernment has imposed a censorship on Villa generals in command of only 109 day's battle here will be charged with raiders. all telegraph and cable messages from men raided San Juan Guadalupe in Za-the United States into Mexico, it was an-catecas and captured a German named lean soldiers slain in the fight according ling Mexicans across the border yesternounced today by the Western Union and Weiner, whom they held for ransom at to an announcement today by E. B. Stone. day and held as a spy, will be charged

Gonzales, in command of the Carranza Stone said he would confer today with would lie because the raid was carried troops, sent a brigade under General Summers Burkhart, United States disout, not by recognized beligerents, but This information was conveyed by the Elizando, in pursuit. Three Villa men trict attorney for New Mexics, and that by bandits whose leader was a man who government authorities in Mexico City were killed in a running fight. All trains the charges probably would name Fran-to the Mexican Telegraph company's of- arriving here are protected by military cisco Villa, the bandit chief, who led crument of a country with which the to- pack and prepare to leave on a the raid on Columbus.

United States was not at war.

VILLA REPORTED TO BE AT ASCENSION

READY WITH THE RAKE, BOYS - THE YARD NEEDS CLEANING!

that Point with Three Hundred Men.

Bandit Chief Said to Have Reached

GARCIA GIVES INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, March 11 .- Latest reports of the whereabouts of China, but some of them were supplied yesterday with 30 followers after his by Mrs. W. B. Knapp, a pussenger, who said she took stenographic notes of some bus. This information reached here today in a message to tme Carranza across its bow from the British auxiliary embassy from Consul Reas Garcia

at El Paso.

Consul Garcia reported that General assist in the pursuit of Villa The Germans hold some houses boarded by Lieutenants B. Newberry and Gavira, military commander at Juares. Among the Mexicans arrested for spyfrom Palomas at 11 p. m. yesterday, Bertani also reported Villa had sixty casuaitles in the encounter with the American troops at Columbus and the pursuit deck by the boarding party and each which followed. On the day after the raid on Columbus Thursday. Columbus battle, Villa avoided an enare in no danger, he said.

The State department announced ceipt of advices to the effect that the of the Columbus raid. customs officials on the border report that two additional Americans are miss ing from a ranch to New Mexico which was raided on the night of March 29. near Mimbres, and about eight miles west of Columbus,

The raid is not sufficiently identified to show whether it has been previously reported. The department announced that it was not considered safe for Americans to go to the isthmus of Tehuante-

General Carranza's note will be answered after it has been laid before President Wilson. The reply of the United States China, was at the dock when the vessel probably will say to General Carranza that his suggestion will be considered if at any time it should become necessary for his forces to pursue bandits into American territory through the lack of a he twenty-four German women and chil- sufficient number of American troops to

Training Camp Will Be Transferred to Indianapolis

CHICAGO, Ill., March 11 .- Fort Benjaoin Harrison at Indianapolis has been selected by the War department as the place for the training camp for the central states next summer and fall instead of Fort Sheridan. This was made known today in an announcement by Colonel D. A. Frederick, commander of the department, which has headquarters in Chicago. to the Training Camp association. Colonel Frederick said there would be three camps held at Indianapolis beginning July 5 and ending October 5.

Full Military Honors To Dead Troopers

COLUMBUS, N. st., March 11.-With the entire regiment turned out, military honors were paid today to the sevent troopers of the Thirteenth cavalry who were killed in action Thursday, when Villa raided Columbus. Captain S. M. Lutz, regimental char-

lain, held services in front of the post

departed for the east, regimental trumpet-

TROOPS AT FORT MEADE ORDERED TO BE READY

STURGIS, S. D., March 11 .- (Special Telegram.)-Telegraphic orders were reelved last night at Fort Meade for the third squadron, Troops I. K. L. M. moment's notice for the Mexican border.

FUNSTON MAKING PLANS TO CHASE **VILLA BANDITS**

Expedition Which is to Be in Command of a General Not Yet Named Will Start in a Short Time.

WILL TAKE AERO SQUADRON

Troops from Other Divisions Will Be Added to Forces Now Guarding the Border.

VILLA IS AT BOCAS GRANDES

BULLETIN. WASHINGTON, March 11 .-- General Funston, under orders from President Wilson to hunt down Villa's bandit army in northern Mexico, was moving his troops at the border tonight behind a veil of rigid secrecy.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 11 .--Major General Frederick Funston announced to day that, while he will have direction of military affairs along the Mexican border, the expedition into Mexico will be in charge of a brigadier general, whose name, he said, would be given out at

Washington. Organization of the expedition will not be completed for two or three days, General Funston said, as troops from other army divisions than the southern will be added to the border forces. The general maintained sllence today as to the size of the expedition and the points of entry into Mexico. The full aero squadron here will accompany the expedition.

Villa Spies Arrested.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 11.-The errest of several Mexicans suspected of eing Villa spick divided interest among civilians here today with the preparations of the militia for the pursuit of Francisco Villa and his bandits. The American soldiers, officers and men, in their preparatory activities displayed an eagerness for the receipt of the order that would etart them into Mexico

Despite the nervousness among civilians quiet prevalled in this border district during the night, and in practically every case circulated reports of the appearance General Villa say he reached Ascen-sion, south of Palomas, some time yesterday with 30 followers after his was killed

Villa at Boca Grandes. Scoula brought in reports that Villa was at Book Grandes, twenty-five miles southwest of here. Other advices stated that a large number of Carransa troops

wore overalls over a military uniform Civil authorities continued plans to bring charges of murder against cap tured Mexicans in connection with the

Captain Pablo Garcia, the wounded counter with the troops of General Ber-tani. The American Mormon colonists authorities had included Garcia among the Mexicans against whom they planned to file charges of murder as a result

Funston Given Full Discretion. WASHINGTON, D. C., March IL-Instructions conveying full authority to General Funsion to dispatch a defensive expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandits are today in General Funston's hands. Secretary Baker announced that full discretion as to the number of men to be used and the route to be followed has been left with General Funston.

Secretary Baker specially referred to the expedition as "defensive," in line with the administration's policy of regarding its action as one to repel invasion. No definite announcement was made at

the War department, but it was generally understood that Brigadier General John J. Pershing will command the principal column of American troops in the pursuit of Villa, Major General Funston retaining command of the general operations, which, it is expected will involve the

The National Capital

Saturday, March 11, 1916.

Foreign relations committee endorsed President Wilson's action thus far in or-dering troops to Mexics to take the Villa-bandits.

Continued consideration of the legisla-tive, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

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